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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

YUE ET AL.

Examiner

Phuong Phu

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 29 July 2002.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-19 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1-11 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 12-15, 17 and 18 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 16 and 19 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent, or on an international application by another who has fulfilled the requirements of paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of section 371(c) of this title before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent.

The changes made to 35 U.S.C. 102(e) by the American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA) and the Intellectual Property and High Technology Technical Amendments Act of 2002 do not apply when the reference is a U.S. patent resulting directly or indirectly from an international application filed before November 29, 2000. Therefore, the prior art date of the reference is determined under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) prior to the amendment by the AIPA (pre-AIPA 35 U.S.C. 102(e)).

2. Claims 12-15, 17 and 18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Rowitch et al (6,628,702).

As per claim 12, see figure 5, col. 9, line 56 to col. 13, line 60, Rowitch et al discloses a system comprising:

a receiver (510a, 510b) of receiving a composite signal that includes a plurality of information signals (I_{IN} , Q_{IN}) spreaded by (PN_1 , PN_2);

a decoder (514a) of decoding an information signal of the plurality of information signals after being despreaded by (PN_1), wherein the decoders decodes the information signal by separately decoding segments of the information signal using segments (half-symbol lengths) of

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a code (W_{STS}), that are shorter than the length of the code, to produce an intermediate value corresponding to the information signal associated with each segment (see col. 9, line 66 to col. 10, line 19).

As per claim 13, Rowitch et al discloses that the decoder forms a composite of intermediate values (outputted from means (524a, 524b) corresponding to each segment, to provide an output value corresponding to the information signal (see col. 10, lines 20-33).

As per claim 14, Rowitch et al discloses another decoder (514b) that decodes another information signal using another code (W) (see figure 5).

As per claim 15, Rowitch et al discloses that the other code (W) has a length as half as the code (W_{STS}) (see col. 10, lines 10-19).

As per claim 17, see figure 5, col. 9, line 56 to col. 13, line 60, Rowitch et al discloses a method comprising:

step (514a) of partitioning a composite signal (I_{IN} , Q_{IN}) into a plurality of segments, each segment having a length (T) being shorter than an information symbol having a length ($2T$) (see col. 5, line 65 to col. 6, line 5 and col. 10, lines 5-9); and

step (514a) of determining an output value corresponding to each segment, based on a correlation between the segments and a correspond segment of a code (W_{STS}) having a same length as the information symbol (see col. 10, lines 2-19).

As per claim 18, Rowitch et al discloses step (524a, 524b) of forming a composite of the output value of each segment, to determine an output symbol corresponding to the information symbol (see col. 10, lines 20-33).

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Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claims 1-11 are allowed.
4. Claims 16 and 19 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Phuong Phu whose telephone number is 703-308-0158. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (8:30-6:00) First Monday Off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mohammad Ghayour can be reached on 703-306-3034. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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